



SISTERHOOD/ZAHAVAH MEETING

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SUNDAY, MAY 15TH - 10AM

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HAMAKOM YINACHEM

Gladys Freilich, on the passing of her sister, Ruth Frommell

MAZEL TOV

**Joel Fass on the birth of his granddaughter, Sidney Rachel,
daughter of Alice & Arthur Miller**
**Alice & Howard Kleinmann on the birth of their granddaughter, Ella Brooke,
daughter of Dr. Alex & Romy Kleinmann**
**Robin & Howard Kaufman on the birth of their grandson, Asher Natan,
son of Leah & Elan Stukov**
Francene & Boris Cohen on their 60th wedding anniversary
**Elaine & Scott Paperman, upon the birth of their grandson, Alec Michael,
son of Debbie & Brad Weltman**
**Myra & Norm Cohen, upon the birth of their twin grandsons,
Jake Logan and Ryan Alexander, sons of Erin & Jason Cohen**
**Linda & Mark Klayman, upon the birth of their granddaughter, Jillian Hailey,
daughter of Scott & Melissa Klayman**

KEEP US INFORMED!! Got good news? Engagements, marriages, births?
 Send your information by mail, fax (516-938-2737) or email (pjcli@optonline.net)
 so that we may share your *simchas* with the congregation.

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WEEKDAY SERVICES

Mon. thru Fri..... 6:30AM
Mon. thru Thurs.....8:00PM
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MAY CALENDAR

Rabbi Steven Conn & Cantor Morris Wolk will officiate at services

The Officers and Board of Trustees Extend a Hearty Mazal Tov to the Families of the Following Simchas

Sunday, May 1st

Service followed by Men's Club T/T Brkfst.....9:00AM
 Zumba.....9:15AM
 Sist. New Member Appreciation Brunch.....10:00AM
 Tironim.....5:30PM
 USY.....7:00PM

Monday, May 2nd

Yom Hashoah Program.....7:00PM

Tuesday, May 3rd

Judaism & Sikh Program & JCC.....6:30PM
 Sisterhood Fashion Boutique.....7:00PM

Wednesday, May 4th

SAT.....7:00PM
 Bible Study.....8:15PM

Thursday, May 5th

Zumba.....9:30AM
 Executive Board Meeting.....8:15PM

Friday, May 6th

Early Shabbat Service.....6:00PM
 Kind/SS/ Mechina Shabbat Service.....7:00PM

Saturday, May 7th

Shacharit Service.....9:00AM

Bat Mitzvah: Rachel Dworkin

Daughter of Hannah & Howard Dworkin

Junior Congregation.....9:45AM
 Mincha/Maariv.....7:30PM

Sunday, May 8th

Service followed by Men's Club T/T Brkfst.. 9:00AM

Monday, May 9th

Jewish Teen Lens.....6:15PM-8:00PM
 School Committee Meeting.....8:15PM

Tuesday, May 10th

AARP.....6:30PM-9:30PM

Wednesday, May 11th

Lunch and Learn with the Rabbi.....11:00AM
 Hadassah.....7:00PM
 Ritual.....8:15PM

Thursday, May 12th

Zumba.....9:30AM
 Board of Trustees Meeting.....8:15PM

Friday, May 13th

Early Shabbat Service.....6:00PM
 Family Friendly & Musical Shabbat
 Friday Night Service.....7:00PM

Saturday, May 14th

Shacharit Service.....9:00AM

Bar Mitzvah: Benjamin Vitoulis

Son of Pamela & Marc Vitoulis

Junior Congregation.....9:45AM
 Mincha/Maariv.....7:45PM

Sunday, May 15th

Service followed by Men's Club T/T Brkfst.....9:00AM
 Zumba.....9:15AM
 Sisterhood/Zahavah Joint Meeting.....10:00AM

Monday, May 16th

Hey Graduation.....8:15PM

Tuesday, May 17th

AARP.....6:30PM-9:30PM
 Sisterhood Board Meeting.....8:15PM

Wednesday, May 18th

Chai Mitzvah.....7:30PM
 Bible Study.....8:15PM

Thursday, May 19th

Zumba.....9:30AM
 Family Ed Committee.....8:15PM

Friday, May 20th

Early Shabbat Service.....6:00PM
 Pre-School Shabbat Service.....6:00PM
 Shabbat Eve Service.....7:00PM

Saturday, May 21st

Shacharit Service.....9:00AM

Bar Mitzvah: Brett Wolff

Son of Janine & Stuart Wolff

Baby Naming: Stella Bailey Lynn Rutherford

Daughter of Laura & Bill Rutherford

Granddaughter of Barbara & Jack Greenberg

Mincha/Maariv.....7:45PM

Sunday, May 22nd - Lag Ba'Omer

Service followed by Men's Club T/T Brkfst.....9:00AM
 Volunteer Breakfast.....9:15AM
 Zumba.....9:15AM
 Yiddish Theatre Trip.....2:00PM

Monday, May 23rd

Sisterhood Bingo.....7:30PM

Tuesday, May 24th

Men's Club Board Meeting.....8:15PM

Wednesday, May 25th

Congregation Meeting.....8:15PM

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Thursday, May 26th

Zumba.....9:30AM
Rabbinical Assembly Mtg & Lunch.....Noon-2:00PM

Friday, May 27th

Early Shabbat Service.....6:00PM
Shabbat Eve Service.....7:00PM

Saturday, May 28th

Shacharit Service.....9:00AM

Bat Mitzvah: Allison Davidoff

Daughter of Susan Davidoff

Mincha/Maariv.....8:00PM

Sunday, May, 29th

Service followed by Men’s Club T/T Brkfst.....9:00AM

Monday, May 30th

Memorial Day Parade – PJC Marching.....9:00AM
Classic Car Show.....12:00PM

Wenesday, June 1st

Executive Board Meeting.....8:15PM

Thursday, June 2nd

Board of Trustees Meeting.....8:15PM

Friday, June 3rd

Early Shabbat Service.....6:00PM

Open House “Shabbat Under The Stars”

Family Friendly Shabbat Friday Night Service7:00PM

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FROM THE RABBI by Rabbi Steven Conn



For such a small country, Israel certainly commands a lot of attention. More than one hundred countries have larger populations. Yet, almost every day Israel makes an appearance in the headlines. Unfortunately, the kind of attention these headlines focus on Israel tends to be negative. This year, for example, we have read about the suffering of civilians in Gaza in the face of Israel's blockade, West Bank closures, the expansion of settlements, government corruption and the breakdown of peace talks. Judging by these news reports alone, we might conclude that Israel is a state in crisis; beset by problems of its own creation.

To be sure, Israel has its problems. But we should not be misled by sensationalism in the news media. Israel is an amazing country. Israel's achievements in so many realms—economics, technology, the arts, defense, and the environment—outshine those of many older, larger countries. Israel has become a model of democracy, development and security that other nations seek to emulate. Israel has become a lifeline for the Jewish people; both for oppressed Jews seeking a refuge and for comfortable Jews seeking inspiration. It would be hard to find an example in world history of a nation that has made such an impact on so many in such a short time.

As Israel turns 63 this month, I would like to share my own personal appreciation of Israel, the land and its people. Rather than quote lots of facts and figures, I want to share with you some of my favorite experiences of Israel and Israelis. These are some of the experiences that helped me to fall in love with Israel. They also illustrate the uniqueness of Israel far better than any statistics I could quote or authorities I could cite. I hope my stories will resonate with those who have been to Israel and help inspire those who have not been to Israel to seek a stronger, more personal connection.

My wife Illyse and I honeymooned in Israel in 2005. It was my third visit, but Illyse's first. We did not want to lock ourselves into an overscheduled tour. So, we rented a car and set our own agenda. Towards the middle of our trip, we decided to spend a couple of days in Safed so that we could see the rugged beauty of the Galilee. Although we stayed in fine hotel, there was no laundry on site. So, one late afternoon, we set off for beautiful downtown Safed in search of a laundry. After driving around for a while, we found a laundry on the main street. There were parking spaces in front of the laundry. What we didn't know is that we had to deposit money in a machine located down the block to purchase on parking permit to place on our car. When we finished dropping off the laundry, we returned to our car and found a parking ticket on the windshield—in Hebrew! Somewhat chagrined, we returned to the hotel, only to find out that we needed to pay the parking ticket in person at the local post office. So, before we left Safed, Illyse dropped me off at the local post office to take care of the ticket.

Entering the post office, I found, as expected, a long line. While I waited in the line, clutching my ticket and my stack of shekels, I looked around at the others who were waiting with me. What I saw was truly striking. In line with me were a Chasidic man in a long black coat and a black hat, a young Ethiopian Jewish soldier carrying his automatic rifle, a distinguished looking older Ashkenazic man in a light blue short-sleeve dress shirt, a young Yemenite looking woman and her two very dark skinned small children, and two young men in jeans and tee-shirts bantering back and forth in Russian. At that moment, I realized that I was standing among a cross-section of Israeli society; the religious and the secular, Ashkenazic, Sephardic, Yemenite, Russian and Ethiopian, new immigrants and old timers. Somehow all these people shared a city and a country together. This diverse group represented two of Israel greatest strengths, the ability to provide a refuge for oppressed Jews from all over the world, and the willingness to integrate all these different people into the fabric of Israeli life. It had never been more clear to me just how much Israel means to the Jewish people.

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My second story dates back to the nineteen eighties. For two different years, I studied at Hebrew university and lived near the Givat Ram campus. For those two years, I lived entirely on Jewish time. The school and work week began on Sunday morning—buses were filled with commuters starting at 7:00 AM. Fridays, classes took place only in the morning; most businesses shut down early in the afternoon in anticipation of Shabbat. Later in the afternoon, buses stopped running altogether. Secular, traditional or religious, all Israelis prepared for the coming of Shabbat. Near sundown, a siren went off announcing the beginning of Shabbat and the city would fall quiet. Traffic grew sparse and the lights came on in almost every apartment in my neighborhood. Soldiers arrived home on leave, grandparents joined their children and grandchildren for Shabbat dinner. And a quick rush of pedestrian traffic headed toward the neighborhood synagogue at sundown. Although there were some soccer games in the parks, Saturday was truly quiet. Somewhere around noon, it seemed as if the entire city had settled in for a Shabbat nap. But when the sun went down, people streamed into downtown Jerusalem to go to the movies, the cafes and even the department stores, which were open on Saturday night.

For me, though, the most memorable day in Jerusalem was Yom Kippur. I vividly remember walking home from Kol Nidre services with my friends in the middle of Rechov Yafo, one of the busiest streets in Jerusalem. At least in those days, not a car was in the streets on Yom Kippur. The entire city seemed to be absorbed in quiet introspection. Nowhere, not even in Orthodox neighborhoods in Brooklyn, have I ever felt so enveloped by Judaism. Israel, and only Israel, allows us to have the experience of living in a truly Jewish civilization. This Jewish civilization, which is neither wholly Orthodox nor wholly secular, is a dynamic, evolving and authentic civilization that gives strength and inspiration to the entire Jewish people.

There are so many more stories I could tell about Israel. There is the story of Israel, the economic miracle; the country that exports its citrus to Europe, its coffee houses to New York and its microchips and biotechnology all over the world. There is the story of Israel, land of natural wonders; of lazy days at the beaches of Tel Aviv, of hiking through the Golan, floating in the Dead Sea and looking out over the vast, empty Judean desert from the hills of Jerusalem. There is the story of Israel the vibrant democracy; where an entire nation, including a honeymooning couple from America, flies banners of blue or orange to proclaim their position on leaving the Gaza strip. And there is the story of the embattled but secure Israel, where there are soldiers with guns everywhere and the constant fear of a bomb, yet where I feel safer than I ever did in New York, Los Angeles or Chicago. All these stories are really one story; the story of how, like so many others, I have fallen in love with this remarkable country. Israel is our homeland. We love Israel for itself. But whatever the headlines may say on any given day, we can take great pride in what Israel has accomplished in the past sixty-three years. Our people have built not just a modern, prosperous country that has defended itself against relentless attack. We have also built a Jewish civilization that embraces and unites Jews from all over the world. Israel is the lifeline of the Jewish people, the laboratory for an evolving Jewish culture and the wellspring of Jewish creativity.

On this, Israel's 63rd birthday, let's all take time to celebrate Israel's amazing achievements. But most important, let's share our own stories of Israel, so that can renew our appreciation for the role Israel plays in our lives, and inspire others to seek a stronger connection to the real Israel that lies behind all the headlines.

The Cantor's Note:***Friday Night Live Comes To Plainview Jewish Center***

This is one of the most exciting Cantor's Notes that it has been my pleasure to write. On Friday evening, May 13, 2011, our Family Friendly service will, for the first time, feature an instrumental ensemble to accompany the musical rendition of the liturgy. This innovation, approved by the Ritual Committee and Board of Trustees, with the enthusiastic endorsement of Rabbi Conn and me, your cantor, will add a new, joyous and energetic dimension to our Friday night worship. It is our hope that it will be pleasing to you our congregants, and to God.

This format is often called Friday Night Live, though, as yet, we have not settled on a title for our own service. A brief history of the name would be in order. More than ten years ago, Rabbi David Wolpe articulated a vision for a young adult Friday night service at his congregation, Sinai Temple of Los Angeles. At the time, Craig Taubman, a successful singer-songwriter and alumnus of Camp Ramah was writing music for Disney, Fox, and HBO. Rabbi Wolpe invited Craig to partner with him on the project, and, Taubman, inspired by the model of Manhattan's Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, agreed.

The first Friday Night Live took place in May 1998 with 300 people in attendance. Within months the sanctuary was filled with 800 people. Attendance grew in large leaps and after only a few years the service drew over 1,000 young people. Friday night live made Sinai Temple a place to come for Jewish engagement, whether spiritual, social, intellectual or cultural.

The Plainview Jewish Center version of Friday Night Live will initially follow the broad outline of our Family Friendly service with some adaptations. Rabbi Conn, the musicians and I will all be positioned on the floor of the sanctuary in front of the Bimah, signifying a departure from the usual hierarchy of Jewish worship settings. The musical compositions will be by Craig Taubman, Shlomo Carlebach, Debbie Friedman, Sol Zim, Ben Siegel and Nurit Hirsch, as well as arrangements which are considered to be traditional. The musicians will be led by our own Rich Liptzin, whom I wish to thank in advance. With your enthusiastic participation, support and feedback it will be a joyous and moving experience and one which can evolve each time it is repeated in the future.

Join us on Friday, May 13, 2011 at 7:00 in the evening when our sanctuary will rock to the sounds of a Family Friendly "Freylach" Night Service and the "Shir Delight" of a musical Shabbat experience. ***Cantor Morris Wolk, D. Mus***

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Shea Z. Lerner

“For those who are willing to make an effort, great miracles and wonderful treasures are in store.” Isaac Bashevis Singer



As I write this month's column, it is hard to believe Passover is behind us, and we are beginning our preparations for the summer and the High Holidays. Never in my life has time moved so quickly; then again, I find the older I get, the quicker time flies by.

The pace at the Shul is fast and furious. Our new caterer, Robert Ian, in addition to booking affairs, has begun renovations and redecorating of the facility. For those who have yet to experience one of their magnificent functions, a cocktail reception is being planned as an Open House. Look for upcoming details. Early Bird enrollment for the Arthur Gutmanstein Religious School is underway. Results so far are on target to surpass last year's enrollment figures. This upswing is clearly related to the growing Synagogue membership, and the investment each and every one of us has made in making "PJC the Place to Be".

As Rabbi Conn completes his second year as our spiritual leader and advisor, I am delighted to announce that the Board of Trustees has UNANIMOUSLY voted to enter into negotiations for a new contract with the Rabbi. I have appointed Evy Rothman and Steven Glasser to Co-Chair the negotiations on the Synagogue's behalf; a vote for the congregation to approve a future agreement will be held at an upcoming Congregation meeting. Concurrently, our Treasurer, Alan Greenberg is busy preparing the budget for 2011-2012. Again, you will be asked to pass the budget at such a meeting. Your presence for a quorum is not only mandated by our Constitution, but necessary for you to understand all that is involved in running a Synagogue of our size.

The Ritual Committee, under the Chairmanship of Kym Newborn and our Board Chairman, Alan Furman, presented to the Board of Trustees their recommendation to purchase the new High Holiday Machzors created by the Conservative Movement. Both Rabbi Conn and Cantor Wolk are enthusiastic about this Machzor, because it matches the prayers and melodies we have grown accustomed to and adds understandable, modern and meaningful translations, commentaries and insights. With this said, we will begin fundraising to purchase the new Machzorim this month. Please watch your mail and email for information and pricings for you to donate the books in honor of and in memory of loved ones. Have no fear; our High Holiday Services will remain the same. Our readings and commentaries however, will reflect english of the modern era, not the 1930's.

Mazel Tov to Cantor Morris Wolk and Michael Brooks on being honored by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, at their Annual Men of the Year Gala, to be held on May 22nd at the Park Avenue Synagogue in Manhattan. Invitations and Journal sponsorship forms have been emailed. If you wish to attend, or would like to place a commemorative ad in the FJMC journal, please call Susan in the office at 516 938 8610 for further details.

Additional Kudos to our graduating Hey Class; Mazel Tov and Yasher Koach. Your journey as Jews is just beginning, not ending. I implore each of you to continue your studies in our Hebrew High School and undertake even larger Mitzvah projects than you have performed for your Bnai Mitzvot. By doing so, your honor your families, your congregation, your community and most of all, yourselves. I am proud of each and everyone of you, your teachers and your Principal.

Wishing all a Happy Mother's Day & Mazel Tov on all upcoming May college graduations.

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Family Education News by Judy Alper

It's so easy to begin this article "now that Passover is over," but in actuality I am sitting in a car traveling to the midwest amongst boxes of matzo, matzo ball mix, huge quantities of Passover snacks etc. Passover hasn't even begun, and like many people I am sweetly anticipating that first cup of wine and that first bite of matzo. I hope that we were all blessed with a Passover filled with the realization of that sweet anticipation.

Attention all 6th and 7th grade girls. Our LAST meeting of *Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing!* is being held on Sunday, May 1st at 5:30 pm. Whether or not you have attended in the past please join us for this fun celebration of the year and of the Jewish months of Iyar and Sivan, along with the giving of the Torah. Please RSVP your attendance to pjcfamilyed@gmail.com. We always want to have sufficient supplies of crafts and food for everyone.

Mark Friday, May 13th on your calendar as a very special Family Friendly Friday Night Service. On that evening we will be introducing a new concept that we hope will excite and inspire you — an FFFNS with musical accompaniment throughout the service. A terrific oneg will follow. If you would like to help sponsor the oneg — celebrating a birthday, anniversary, graduation, a wonderful accomplishment or other simcha— email Judy at the above email address and let us know how you would like your sponsorship listed. Sponsorships are a minimum of \$18. We look forward to seeing you there!

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RACHEL DWORKIN

May 7, 2011

Rachel is the daughter of Hannah and Howard Dworkin. She is a seventh grader at POB Middle School. Rachel enjoys soccer, lacrosse, drawing, water parks, rollercoasters, music and movies. Her favorite holiday is Chanukah because she celebrates with her family and receives lots of presents! For her mitzvah project, she socializes with residents of a senior center.

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BEN VITOU LIS

May 14, 2011

Ben is the son of Pamela and Marc Vitoulis and has a brother, Jeremy. He is a seventh grader at POB Middle School. Ben enjoys anime, reading, the computer and drawing. His favorite holiday is Chanukah which he celebrates with his family.

For his mitzvah project, he participated in the *Book Buddies* program at POB Library.



BRETT WOLFF

May 21, 2011

Brett is the son of Janine and Stuart Wolff and has a sister, Jenna. He is a seventh grader at POB Middle School. Brett enjoys the school basketball and swim teams, skiing, cycling and snowboarding. His favorite holiday is Purim and he participates in the celebration. For his mitzvah project, he volunteered to help children in the PJC computer lab. He also volunteered at the *Empty Bowl Festival* which raised money for *Island Harvest*.

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ALLISON DAVIDOFF

May 28, 2011

Allison is the daughter of Susan Davidoff and has a brother, Max. She is a seventh grader at POB Middle School. Allison enjoys keeping fit, reading, designing and wearing fashion, and animals (especially her puppy, Lucy). Her favorite holiday is Passover. For her mitzvah project, she collected donations for the *North Shore Animal League*. She is very interested in preserving the memory of the Holocaust.

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SCHOOL NEWS By Rachel Ginsburg, Principal

Right after Pesach, on Sunday, May 1 we will have a speaker, Zelda Polofsky, for Bet and Gimel classes speaking about her life before and during the Holocaust. Kitot Daled and Hey will be required to attend the PJC Holocaust service on Monday, May 2 at 7:00 PM. A week later, on Monday May 9th, Tuesday May 10th and Wednesday May 11th, we will celebrate Israeli Independence Day. The children will play an Israeli game that was designed around the exhibit that they prepared throughout the year.

On May 16th, we will celebrate the graduation of our Kitah Hey (7th grade) students. This year, for the first time in 10 years, we are going to graduate 100% of the class. On Wednesday, May 25th, two of our graduates, Jessica Hauser and Elizabeth Roth, will receive the Keter Torah award at Midway Jewish Center. We extend our congratulations to them and their parents.

The Keter Torah program was designed by the Conservative movement to motivate students in Religious Schools to excel in three areas: academics, Jr. Congregation and attendance. Each year, beginning in Alef (third grade) we mark on the students' report cards if they are eligible to be a recipient of the Keter Torah award. To qualify students must meet the following standards: 1) Every year students must have 90% or "very good" grades in all areas of study. 2) Students must maintain positive attitudes to school and their studies. 3) Students must have no more than five unexcused absences in any school year. 4) Students must exceed the school attendance requirements for Jr. Congregation services. By the 7th grade, those students who maintained their Keter Torah honors for five years will be invited to a special ceremony run by the Conservative movement. We wish Mazal Tov to all of our Kitah Hey graduates and their parents.

Kitah Hey Graduates 2011

Lindsay Beckerman, Brianna Breger, Ian Buchman, Allison Davidoff, Rachel Dworkin, Adam Elias, Jacob Grabois, Jonathan Grabois, Joshua Graham, Jessica Hauser, Cara Hayman, Jason Hymowitz, Sam Iryami, Drew Kaplan, Matthew Kessler, Rachel Kubrick, Michelle Lampert, Sarah Peres, Michelle Portnoy, Rachel Portnoy, Elizabeth Roth, Michael Rubin, Abigail Schinz, Dana Silverstein, Shari Spiegler, Ethan Teper, Seth Tirsun, Benjamin Vitoulis and Brett Wolff

On the evening of June 2nd, we will be honoring Beryl Kwitkin for his devotion to Jewish education, along with 17 other recipients at the Shelter Rock Jewish Center. This program is also sponsored by the Conservative Movement, Education Department, honoring special individuals who have gone above and beyond to dedicate their lives to Jewish education. Beryl, a big *Yasher Koach* to you for being chosen for this award.

Early Bird registration and tentative schedules for next year will be mailed at the end of May.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR

- May 1 (Sun) Yom Hashoah
 2 (Mon) Program for Yom Hashoah – Daled & Hey are required to attend
 the memorial ceremony in the evening - 7:00 PM in Main Sanctuary
 No regular classes for Daled & Hey.
 6 (Fri) Kindergarten/Sunday School & Mechina Class Service – 7:00 – 8:00 PM
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 School Committee Meeting – 8:15 PM in Library
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SISTERHOOD NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - *Doreen B. Guzik*



In May we celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut, the day Israel commemorates its declaration of independence made in 1948. Celebrated annually, on or around the 5th of the Jewish month of Iyar, this year's secular date is May 9th. The new State was quickly recognized by the Soviet Union, the United States and many other countries, but not by the surrounding Arab states.

An official ceremony is held every year on Mount Herzl, in Jerusalem. The ceremony includes a speech by the speaker of the Knesset, a dramatic presentation, a ritual march of soldiers carrying the Flag of Israel and the lighting of twelve torches symbolizing each Tribe of Israel. Every year a dozen Israeli citizens, who made a significant social contribution in a selected area, are invited to light the torches.

I would think this must be a beautiful ceremony to witness. With all the unrest surrounding Israel's borders, it still thrives with continued perseverance to pursue its right to exist against continuing adversity. We, as Jews, should do whatever we can to make sure Israel continues to grow. Think about planning a trip to visit, or just buy Israeli made products. Anything you do for the State of Israel will only prove to others that Israel is here to stay and grows stronger with all of our support.

As a side note, I would like to thank all who sent me good wishes for receiving this year's Woman of Achievement award. It's a wonderful honor to be recognized for all that I enjoy doing for the Sisterhood and community at large. I would also like to give a mazel tov to Blayne Peltzman for being the first recipient of the Emerging Leader Award. She exemplifies the true meaning of this award with her ideas and the enthusiasm that she brings to all our meetings. We would enjoy everyone's company at the upcoming Women's League conference & Celebration on May 18th at Woodbury Jewish Center where Blayne and myself will be honored along with other recipients. For more information please contact me at dguzik@optonline.net.

PROGRAM *Debbie Zaglin - Program Vice President; Lily Elman - Program Chair*

Mark your calendar: Sunday, May 15th at 10AM will be a joint Sisterhood/Zahavah Meeting! We will welcome professional organizer, Cynthia Braun, whose program is **Organize Your Life**. Light refreshments will be served. This promises to be a fabulous meeting, so please join us. We look forward to seeing you then.

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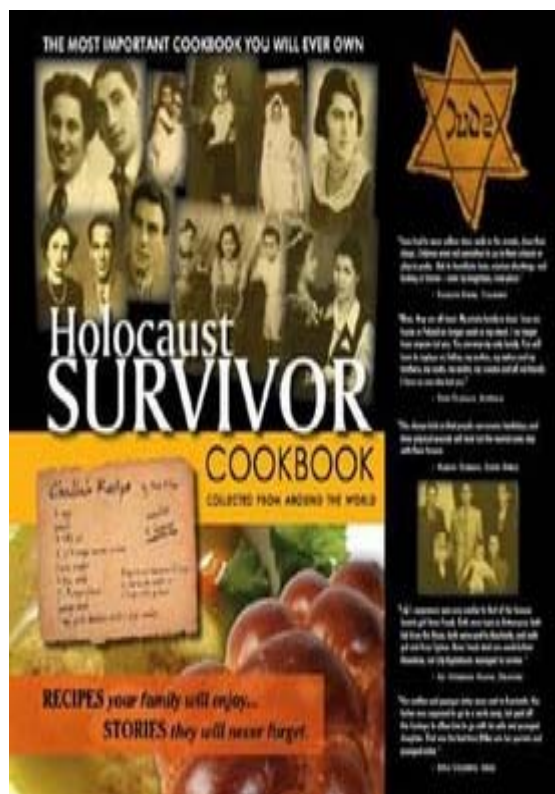
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7:00- 8:30pm USY: Mini Color War
- May 13th-15th: 8th grade experience and Regional Convention
For more information and applications, contact Lois
- May 22nd: Tironim and Kadima Trip - more information to follow
USY: End of the year program - more information to follow

Tironim is for 3rd & 4th grades, Kadima is for 5th, 6th, and 7th grades and USY is for grades 8-12. Dinner will be served at every meeting for Tironim and Kadima. Any questions or comments? Feel free to contact Lois Lange at lois_lange@yahoo.com or (516) 426-6283.

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TORAH FUND - Liz Danziger, Torah Fund Coordinator

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The Torah Fund supports our future rabbis, cantors, teachers and Jewish community leaders at the Jewish Theological Seminary. The money raised through our Torah Fund contributions is an important part of fostering and maintaining the continuity of the Jewish conservative movement. You can help in this effort by making donations to Sisterhood's Torah Fund or simply purchasing Torah Fund greeting cards. Occasions such as Mazel Tov, Get Well, Rejoicing with You, New Baby, and of course Condolences are all available for \$4.00 each. The cards can be purchased at any Sisterhood meeting or event, or they can be mailed to the recipient for you by contacting:

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LUNCH AND LEARN

Join us on Wednesday May 11th from 11:00 AM to 12:45 PM for stimulating study, good food and even better company at our monthly Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Conn. This month, we will have a special *Lunch and Learn* to celebrate Yom HaAztmaut, Israel's Independence Day. Please RSVP to the Temple Office by May 9th to join us for lunch. Suggested donation is \$5 per person. *Lunch and Learn* is held on the second Wednesday of each month.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT WORKING BREAKFAST
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Introducing “*Shabbat BaBayit*” (“Bringing *Shabbat* Home”) !!

It is after much preparation and planning that PJC’s Lifnei LOMED group is proud to announce its Pilot Project called “***Shabbat BaBayit***” (“Bringing ***Shabbat*** Home”). “***Shabbat BaBayit***” is an inter-generational, at home Friday night experience, which will be introduced during the month of May. This is a small Pilot Project and while we cannot accept any additional participants at this time, we hope that the success of this project will lead to an expanded program next year.

Since November 2010 a dedicated group of PJC lay leaders, clergy, and religious school teachers have met monthly to make Jewish education here at Plainview Jewish Center more engaging and inclusive for the PJC community. This Lifnei LOMED group is comprised of lay leaders Aliza Greenberg, Diane Miller, Nanette Strenger, and Debbie Tavel, Rabbi Conn, PJC Principal Rachel Ginsburg, teacher representatives Judy Alper and Shoshana Gilaad, co-chairs Evy Rothman and Beryl Kwitkin, and Ellen Rank (ECE consultant). This group has been guided by the Priority Goal it has set for itself: “Being on a journey of applying Torah (Jewish learning) to everyday life.”

Our first initiative for this Pilot Project is “home based”. The group has asked several PJC grandparents to serve as “hosts” and invite into their home on Friday night during the month of May “guests”, PJC families with young children. (We have encouraged our PJC “host” grandparents to also invite as participants their own children and grandchildren.) A Friday night ***Shabbat Seder*** of ***Shabbat*** blessings and rituals will take place in the home of the “hosts” – the lighting of ***Shabbat*** candles, the saying of ***kiddush***, blessing children, washing hands and saying the blessing over ***challah***. A traditional ***Shabbat*** meal will also be eaten by all participants.

The cost of this Pilot Project is being funded by a special grant PJC has received. Each “host family” will receive a stipend towards the cost of the ***Shabbat*** meal. Each “guest” family will receive a “***Shabbat*** Box” of ritual items for use during this special ***Shabbat Seder***.

Preparation for this at home ***Shabbat Seder*** will include a workshop for “hosts” and “guests” led by Rabbi Conn and Rachel Ginsburg. “Hosts” will receive a booklet to guide their leading of the ***Shabbat Seder***. “Hosts” will retain these booklets for use in their own homes for their families to utilize in the future. “Guests” will receive a “***Shabbat*** Box” containing all the ritual items needed for ***Shabbat*** and will review how to use these items with their family during the ***Shabbat Seder***. After experiencing “***Shabbat BaBayit***” we hope that the “guests” will continue to use these ritual items at home on Friday nights as they experience their own “***Shabbat BaBayit***” (“Bringing ***Shabbat*** Home”).

After this Pilot Project is evaluated, we hope to expand “***Shabbat BaBayit***” for next year. Those PJC grandparents wanting “to host” a future “***Shabbat BaBayit***” in-home experience or PJC families wanting to be “guests” at this unique Friday night event will be given an opportunity to sign-up for a future “***Shabbat BaBayit***”. We also hope to host an intergenerational dinner at PJC on a Friday night next year.

This small Pilot Program has been carefully developed during the last few months based upon a process designed by the Experiment in Congregational Education (ECE). At each meeting participants start with a “Jewish connection” sharing, study a short selection of related Jewish text, discuss one or two core ideas, and end with a reflection of the committee’s progress during the evening. We hope that the discussions and communications facilitated by this meeting structure will be shared within the PJC family.

For the Lifnei LOMED group, Beryl Kwitkin & Debbie Tavel

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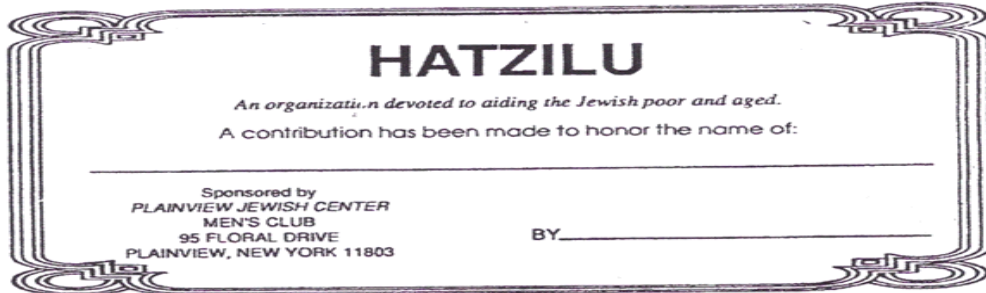
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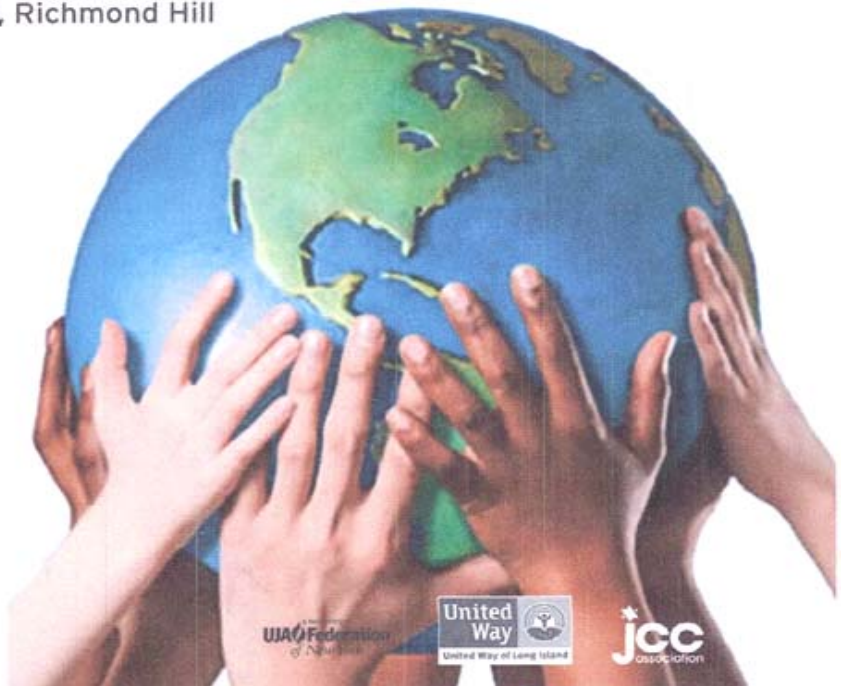
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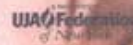
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Israel Affairs by Sharon Kunoff

This year, Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence day, will be celebrated on March 9th. This corresponds to the Hebrew date, the 5th of Iyar, which remains constant every year. As I look back over the past 63 years, and probably the few years before that, I recall when the UN started discussing the idea of a Jewish state. I realize as a young teenager, the creation of the state must have been much more emotional for my parents and my grandparents than it was for me. Following is my recollection of the early history, which is broadly accurate.

November 29, 1947 is known in Israeli history books as the most important date in Jewish history as it was the date the UN voted for partition. The area was to be divided with the mainly Jewish areas going to the Jewish State and the mainly Arab areas going to the Arab state. The city of Jerusalem, which contained the Kotel, (The Wall), the original Jewish Cemetery on the Mount of Olives, The Dome of the Rock, Al Aqsa Mosque, various other churches and synagogues, and old Arab, Jewish and Christian neighborhoods, was to be maintained as a separate city under UN auspices and open to all.

The Jewish Agency, which was essentially the Jewish State-in-formation accepted the plan although it was far from what they really wanted or hoped for. Most Jews, both in Israel and around the world, rejoiced. However, there were some who opposed the plan. Arab leaders, and most Arabs, rejected the plan. Meeting in Cairo in late November, early December, the Arab League adopted a series of resolutions aimed at a military solution. Britain accepted the plan but refused to enforce it. They said they would leave Palestine on May 14, 1948 and would not share their powers with the UN Palestine Commission during the transition period.

To set the stage for what American Jews, and probably Jews all over the world, were thinking on November 29, 1947, one has to think of what the world was like in 1947. Television was virtually unknown. In NY, Jews were living well, although there were quotas at colleges and many companies wouldn't hire Jewish workers. We did follow the UN vote for partition live on the radio and we were very relieved when the US voted yes. It really wasn't known until the last minute how they would vote, since sound bites and hype were not forthcoming minute by minute. American Jews still loved FDR and I don't think they really began to trust president Harry Truman until after the vote! While they were rejoicing, most Jews were realistic and didn't expect to gain the state without a fight. As a kid, all I knew was that some local people set up a Young Judea chapter which I attended and where we learned *Hatikvah* and some Israeli folk songs and dances. But, I am sure I was more involved with school than with thinking about Israel.

Fortunately, there were knowledgeable people who realized that the British favored the Arabs, were letting them arm, and that the surrounding countries had money. So, if Israel were to survive, something would have to be done. In recent years I have met people and have heard them speak about how they managed to collect guns and ammunition from around the world and smuggle them into what was going to be the new Jewish state. We all know how Golda Meir was sent to the US and how she was showered with funds!!

David Ben-Gurion declared statehood on Friday, May 14, 1948, corresponding to the 5th of Iyar 5708, as soon as the British left Palestine. The State of Israel was quickly recognized by the Soviet Union, the United States other countries, but not by any of the Arab countries.

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In total, about 15,000 troops from the surrounding Arab countries, entered Israel during the next several days. This included about 4,500 from Trans Jordan, now Jordan, which were led by British Officers who had resigned a few days earlier. Meanwhile, Haganah and Irgun troops entered the area near the suburbs of Jerusalem, starting on the 13th of May. They hoped to take them for the nascent Jewish state.

The 1948 War for Independence lasted from May 14, 1948 until January 7, 1949, with a 4 week truce early in the war. The Jordanians gained the old city of Jerusalem after a long siege and what is now known as the West Bank. Egypt gained the Gaza strip and Israel got most of the rest of the territory west of the Jordan River. About 400,000 Palestinian refugees were relocated in camps which were established near Israel's borders and became the source of much of the dissension which is still causing problems today. It should be noted that between 1948 and 1952, 285,000 Jews were forced to leave Arab lands and emigrated to Israel along with over 400,000 other refugees who left Europe with nothing after WWII II. Israel managed to integrate them into its society without UN help and despite the fact that most didn't even speak the language. Armistice agreements were reached with Egypt, Jordan and Syria but there were no formal peace agreements.

Israel fought four more wars in its first 25 years. The truce of '49 was not a quiet one. There were many raids and reprisals, but the truce with Egypt held until 1956 when Egypt closed the Straits of Tiran to Israeli shipping and blockaded the gulf of Aqaba, in contravention of the 1949 agreements. Towards the end of October, when then leader of Egypt, Gamal Abdal Nasser, who had never been friendly towards them, nationalized the Suez Canal, Israel was convinced that he was preparing for war. Prime Minister Golda Meir concluded that if Israel didn't make a preemptive attack they would be attacked. On October 29th, Moshe Dayan led an air and land attack on the Sinai peninsula with British and French support. Egypt retaliated and Israel then pressed the US for military aid. At that time it was already believed that Israel had developed nuclear capacity. There are those who think that President Richard Nixon didn't come across with the latest available weapons until Golda Meir implied that otherwise she might be forced to use their nuclear capability. A cease fire promoted by the US and the USSR was reached on November 6th, after Israel captured the Gaza Strip and the Sinai peninsula. Israel withdrew from Egyptian Territory after Egypt agreed to demilitarize the areas. The truce on the Egyptian side was overseen by the UN.

On May 19th, 1967, Egypt threw the UN out, deployed troops to Sinai and again blockaded the Gulf of Tiran and closed the Suez Canal to Israeli shipping. This returned the area the pre m 1956 war conditions. On May 30th, Jordan signed a mutual defense pact with Egypt and then mobilized the Sinai troupes and massed them at Israel's southern border. On June 5th, Israel launched a surprise attack on Egypt, destroying most of the Egyptian Air Force. Units were sent to Jordan, and Syria. When a cease fire was reached, Israel controlled the Sinai Peninsula, the Gaza Strip, the West Bank, East Jerusalem and the Golan Heights. The Arab nations met and agreed not to recognize Israel so that it was impossible for Israel to negotiate any settlement. Many plans were put forth in Israel, but, since there was no one to negotiate with, nothing happened.

To be continued in June.

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MEN'S CLUB by Stephen Taub

Hard to believe it is May already. Although we're getting close to the summer break, we still have a number of fun events planned. For the first time in a number of years, Men's Club is planning a golf outing. It will include a day of golf, a couple of meals and a lot of fun and comaradere. Bring your friends as well. The outing will take place one day in June. Watch your e-mails and Hakol for further details.

Also in June, we will have our annual paid-up membership dinner. Great food, great schmoozing and an open bar. Can it get any better than this? Keep an eye out for this date as well. If you don't attend these events, you're really missing out on a great time. We had a nice crowd recently for the Men's Club's first annual Karaoke Night, which took place Saturday evening, April 30th.

Hopefully everyone received their Yahrzeit candle to commemorate Yom Hashoah. This is an annual Men's Club tradition. Feel free to make a donation, which goes toward defraying the cost of the Yahrzeit glass and mailing costs as well as the Long Island Holocaust Museum.

And finally, on May 22nd, Cantor Wolk and former Men's Club president, Michael Brooks will be honored by the New York Metropolitan Region Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs at its 28th annual regional awards dinner. The event will take place at the Park Avenue Synagogue. It is catered and there will be live entertainment. A World Class Cantor's Concert (free for our members) begins at 4 pm. Dinner and festivities begin at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$85 per person. Hope to see you there.



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As I was packaging non-perishable food items, I noticed that the shelves were being emptied quickly. If you or anyone you know would like to contribute to this cause, I will be happy to collect donations of non-perishable food and deliver them to the Mary Brennan INN.

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Hatzilu appreciates all money donations as well. A food collection box will be placed by the main entrance of the synagogue.

Thanks for helping those in need. For further information about Hatzilu, please go to: www.hatzilurescue.org or call 931-2884.

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In our community, the Rabbi and Cantor provide pastoral support to individuals and families who are suffering illness and those who need emotional support. The Rabbi also serves as the liaison to our newly formed Bikur Cholim Committee; which provides additional visits and support to those who request it.

Please let the Rabbi and Cantor know when someone in our congregation is ill; or when a family is dealing with a crisis. Only when they know can they reach out to individuals and families in need. Only when they know can they mobilize our Bikur Cholim committee to provide additional support. Don't worry that they might already have the information. Don't worry that you are "bothering" these busy people. The information you provide will be vital to helping our congregation to serve the needs of those who need us the most.

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Spring Break in the Former Soviet Union *By Sarah Hochberg*

When most people think of a college student's ideal spring break, locations like Florida, Cancun and the Bahamas usually come to mind. Instead of one of these party-locations, I decided to spend my one-week school recess from Penn State by traveling to Moldova on a short-term service program to benefit the Jewish Community there.

Planning the Trip

"Moldova, is that in Europe or something?" This was one of the many questions that I encountered as my family and friends interrogated me about my idea to attend the Alternative Spring Break trip, organized by my university's Hillel. To be honest, when I first informed about the trip, I was among those people who didn't even know that this country existed.

After a few Google searches, I learned Moldova was part of the former Soviet Union, approximately the size of Maryland and is the poorest country in Europe. After reading this information, I determined that I would settle for returning to Plainview for spring break to spend some much needed relaxation time, sleeping my days away at home. This was until many of my friends started to sign up for the trip and opened my eyes to what an experience it could be.

Similar to the 2010 Penn State Hillel Alternative Spring Break trip to Estonia and Lithuania, this year's trip was organized in conjunction with The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. Known simply as the "JDC," this apolitical aid organization has worked to help the world's poorest Jews for almost 100 years. I learned that during the time in Moldova, participants would have the chance to work on community service projects to benefit the Jewish community and learn about the culture of the country. Inspired by the opportunity to make an impact on the lives of Jews in Moldova and the reassurance from my mother that she would only be very stressed, (in contrast to extremely stressed while I was on my trip), I decided to take advantage of this once in a lifetime opportunity and signed up to attend, only a few weeks before the departure date.

Arrival in Kishinev

On Sunday, March 6th, I arrived at JFK airport. After uniting with the 16 other Penn State students and 1 Penn State Hillel faculty member, we departed for Kishinev, the capital of Moldova and the location where we were to spend the entirety of our trip. Following the inevitable 3 hour delay that we incurred at JFK airport, we headed on our flight to Kiev, Ukraine and then Kishinev, Moldova. After 25 hours of traveling and a 7 hour time difference, we arrived at Kishinev airport around 5pm, boarded a van and headed to our hotel in the center of the city.

That first night we experienced culture shock as we quickly changed and were rushed off for some "authentic Moldavian food." At the restaurant, which was inside a rustic-wooden building, adorned with taxidermied animals as decorations, we struggled to order food off of the menu which was typed in Russian and Moldovan (a variation of Romanian.) The bathrooms consisted of holes-in-the-ground for toilets. As we watched locals dancing to music which was unfamiliar to us, I worried about what I had in store for me for the remainder of the week. Quickly I learned that this country on the other side of the world was not that as different as I expected from my own home.

Jewish Kishinev

My real introduction to Moldova began the next day with a guided van tour of "Jewish Kishinev." There I learned that the city, which has been occupation by Jews since at least the 5th century A.D, has experienced many hardships over the past 1,500 years. At its height, Kishinev was home to over 400,000 Jews and had at least 77 synagogues. Today, there is only 1 original synagogue remaining in the city and it is currently home to only 23,000 Jews.

Among the places our tour visited were the starting location for the Kishinev Pogrom in 1903, an event in which 47 Jews were killed and hundreds of others were wounded as rioters paraded around the city, destroying homes and property as well as killing and wounding Jews along the way. We saw the location of the Kishinev Ghetto where a memorial now stands in front of a newly built maternity ward, giving hope to the Jewish community for the future. Towards the end of our tour, we stopped at what is left of the Jewish cemetery. After the majority of the cemetery was allowed by the government to be turned into a park, using the tombstones to help build streets in the city and disposing of the bodies, the local Jewish community was outraged and built a wall around upper portion of the cemetery that remained.

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The tour concluded at the Kishinev Jacobs Jewish Campus, a large Jewish community center built in 2005 after receiving funding from the Jacobs family of California. The center, which is located in the heart of the city, provides functions for hundreds of Jews of all ages. The KJJC receives help of many aid organizations such as the JDC and volunteers from organizations such as the Peace Corp. As we walked through the center, we saw various activities taking place including pre-school classes, arts and crafts programs for the elderly, English and computer classes, youth groups, a Hillel and even a group for high-risk women to help them find jobs. The center contained many meeting rooms, an auditorium/dance hall and even a holocaust museum on its bottom floor. The staff informed of their heavy involvement in providing food and medicine for those who are poor or elderly, programs including delivering hot meals, food packages and reimbursing grocery purchases.

Service

Our service programs began on Tuesday, March 8th. In Moldova, as in many European nations, this was International Women's Day, a holiday which can be described as a mix between Mothers Day and St. Valentine's Day. It is a national holiday in many Eastern European countries, including Moldova. After being split up into groups of 2 and paired up with 2 Moldovan teens as translators, we traveled through the city to visit the homes of elderly Jewish women.

The 86 year old woman my group and I visited lived on the 6th floor of an apartment building with no elevator. We greeted her with gifts of chocolates and flowers as she welcomed us into her small, one room apartment. Through the help of our Moldavian peers translating, we learned about her and then shared information about ourselves. She was born in Ukraine, lived in Siberia in Russia during World War II and worked in a shoe factory for the majority of her life in Kishinev, when it was a part of the Soviet Union. She was widowed and her only child died in a car accident a few years earlier. Despite working her entire life, she always made only enough to survive and was not able to save anything for retirement. She currently relies entirely on programs from the Kishinev Jacobs Jewish Campus to help her pay for groceries and visits the center once-a-week for a social group with women her age.

Despite having very little to offer, this women still wanted to give as much as she could to her guests. She was very embarrassed that she did not have any chairs or couches for us to sit on. She cleared off her window sill for seating and the remainder of us sat on her bed. After searching her tiny kitchen, she found a box of wafers which she kept insisting that we eat. After 3 hours of chatting, she thanked us profusely for visiting her and told us how much it meant for people to take the time to see her.

After Women's Day, we did several community service projects for the remainder of our trip. In addition to the brand-new Kishinev Jewish Jacobs Campus in the center of the city, Jewish programs are still held in the original Jewish Community Center in the east side of town. Located in an area close to the apartments of many of the elderly community members, this center is still very important in providing necessary services, especially for the elderly who are unable to travel across the city to the KJJC. Situated in the basement of an apartment building, this center had not been renovated in over 40 years and was in great need of repairs. Painting and cleaning. . . .then painting and cleaning some more is how our group spent countless hours at this facility.

In addition to our work fixing up the center, we also spend time working with other volunteers on the food programs that are offered. Activities included sorting dried beans into weighted bags that will go to individuals and families that cannot afford to buy food for themselves. We even did paper work in the office, sorting receipts and filling out forms so that people could get their money reimbursed for grocery store purchases that they made, a task I found very familiar to me as Treasurer at Penn State Hillel.

Time with Peers

In the afternoon, we had the opportunity to spend time with students, age 16 to 26, who are active in the KJJC's youth group named Haverim and the Hillel which is also housed at the KJJC. We were first introduced to our peers at a "Latin Dance Party" that they organized in the KJJC. At this event we got to learn what music they liked to listen to and we taught each other dance moves common in our countries (of course we had to teach them how to "fist pump" like characters on the Jersey Shore, a move that they picked up quickly). Throughout the week we had a pizza party with them, had a movie night and went bowling.

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Through our interactions we learned that their everyday lives were not much different than our own. They enjoyed the same movies, also watched MTV and spend time at the mall as teenagers just like us (a location that is called “MallDova”).

Shabbat

At the very end of our trip we had the opportunity to spend Shabbat with our peers. On Friday night, we attended services at the KJJC lead by both our peers and fellow Penn State Students. After services, we participated in group discussions focusing on our families and how we practice our Jewish traditions. On Saturday morning, we all attended services at the last remaining synagogue (from the once 77 that existed) in Kishinev. On Saturday night, we travelled back to the KJJC for Havdallah services. After our services, we sang “Have a Good Week” as we hugged all our new Moldovan friends and thanked them for the experiences we had throughout the week.

Lasting Impact

Although the idea of traveling to Moldova was filled with misconceptions and uncertainties for me, it ended up being an amazing experience that I will never forget. Learning about a different way of life, seeing how people who may have few material goods and how having endured much hardship throughout their lives has not changed their strong identity with Judaism or their positive view on life has made me appreciate everything that my life has offered me. At Penn State, the students who attended the trip and I are going to fundraise throughout the year and share our stories with others, hoping that we can always maintain our strong bond with the country that at first we didn’t know existed, but now has a special place in our hearts.

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